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Mayor Healy to Join with Local Clergy in “Save Our Fathers, Save Our Sons” Campaign Quarterly Program will Feature Ways to Help Improve the Lives of Men in the Community Thereby Enhancing the Overall Quality of Life in the City

JERSEY CITY –Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and members of the local clergy are partnering to improve the lives of men in our community through a program called, **“Save Our Fathers, Save Our Sons,”** to be announced at an **11 a.m.** press conference on **Friday, June 17, 2011,** in **City Council Chambers, 280 Grove Street.**

The program, which will be launched this **Father’s Day, Sunday, June 19th, 2011,** will feature quarterly events aimed at improving and enriching the lives of the men in our city, which in turn enhances the overall quality of life for our residents and families.

The first component will be a public safety initiative focusing on the Mayor’s second gun buyback program, **“Operation Lifesaver II,”** which will be held later this summer. The Mayor has already kicked off the program by reaching out to the corporate community for donations, with the city receiving several thousand dollars to date. The Mayor and Mrs. Healy donated the first \$1,000 and on Sunday, the clergy will be taking a special collection to be donated to the gun buyback program.

“By making the city safer, we know our community becomes stronger,” said **Mayor Healy.** “We believe that a community partnership like this is what it takes to bring real change to our city and the lives of our residents.”

Later in the year, the **“Save Our Fathers, Save Our Sons”** campaign will feature a health awareness component, such as prostate screenings and colonoscopies for men, education, job training, and much more.

“Over the next several months, we will be working on ways to reduce crime and bring important skills to our young men,” said **Mayor Healy.** “Our city is comprised of many young men who have goals and aspirations, but need a little assistance and guidance and we want to help provide that for them.”

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